

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for augmenting a soft tissue in a body comprising:
 - selecting an active augmenting agent;
 - depositing the active augmenting agent at locations in the soft tissue to be augmented.
2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the active augmenting agent comprises magnetizable particles.
3. The method according to claim 2 wherein the magnetizable particles are suspended in a composition containing biocompatible carrier.
4. The method according to claim 2 wherein the magnetizeable particles include a surface modifier.
5. The method according to claim 2 wherein the magnetizable particles are magnetically active prior to depositing into the tissue.
6. The method according to claim 2 wherein the magnetizeable particles are unmagnetized when deposited into the tissue and subsequently magnetized after depositing.

7. The method according to claim 2 wherein the magnetizeable particles are about 30 to 3000 microns in size.
8. The method according to claim 7 wherein the magnetizeable particles are about 80 to 600 microns in size.
9. The method according to claim 2 wherein the active augmenting agent comprises magnetizeable rods.
10. The method according to claim 1 wherein the tissue is a submucosal tissue surrounding a body lumen.
11. The method according to claim 10 wherein the lumen is a urethra.
12. The method according to claim 10 wherein the lumen is the rectum.
13. The method according to claim 1 wherein the active augmenting agent is deposited through a needle passed into the tissue.
14. A method for forming a sphincter surrounding a portion of a body lumen, the method comprising a step of injecting an active augmenting agent into tissue surrounding the lumen.

15. The method according to claim 14 wherein the active augmenting agent comprises magnetizeable particles.
16. The method according to claim 14 wherein the magnetizeable particles are suspended in a composition containing a carrier.
17. The method according to claim 16 wherein the magnetizeable particles include a surface modifier.
18. The method according to claim 15 wherein the magnetizeable particles are magnetically active when injected into the tissue.
19. The method according to claim 15 wherein the magnetizeable particles are unmagnetized when injected into the tissue and subsequently magnetized after injection.
20. The method according to claim 15 wherein the magnetizeable particles are about 30 to 3000 microns in size.
21. The method according to claim 20 wherein the magnetizeable particles are about 80 to 600 microns in size.
22. The method according to claim 14 wherein the bodily lumen is the urethra.

23. An active augmenting agent comprising:
- a plurality of magnetizable particles; and
 - a biocompatible carrier.
24. The active augmenting agent according to claim 23 further comprising a surface modifier.
25. The active augmenting agent according to claim 23 wherein the biocompatible carrier is saline.
26. The active augmenting agent according to claim 23 wherein the biocompatible carrier is a polyvinylpyrrolidone.
27. The active augmenting agent according to claim 24 wherein the surface modifier is a polyvinylpyrrolidone.
28. The active augment agent according to claim 24 wherein the surface modifier includes a selected one of a hyaluronic acid or a hyaluronate.